

Claim Amendments

1. (currently amended.) A computerized system for transferring a used leased vehicle and assigning the existing lease agreement for same from a ~~prospective leased vehicle transferor~~ the current lessee of said vehicle to a prospective leased vehicle transferee new Lessee comprising:

means for ~~used~~ receiving used leased vehicle and existing lease agreement information submitted electronically by or on behalf of said prospective leased vehicle transferors ~~current Lessee~~ and storing said information in a searchable database;

means for providing said used leased vehicle and existing lease agreement information electronically to prospective leased vehicle transferees new lessees in response to electronic queries to said searchable database submitted by or on behalf of prospective leased vehicle transferees ~~said prospective new lessees~~;

means for said prospective new lessees to ~~receiving~~ receive vehicle selection information submitted electronically by or on behalf of prospective leased vehicle transferors ~~said current lessees~~;

means for notifying electronically prospective leased vehicle transferors ~~said current lessees~~ whose used leased vehicles are selected by prospective leased vehicle transferees new lessees of said selection so that the parties can negotiate and complete a leased vehicle transfer transaction;

means for receiving and processing insurance application information submitted electronically by or on behalf of either prospective leased vehicle transferors ~~said current lessees~~ or prospective leased vehicle transferees new lessees with respect to vehicles selected by said prospective leased vehicle transferees ~~prospective new lessees~~ for insurance covering the prospective leased vehicle transferor's current lessee's liability under the prospective leased vehicle transferor's existing lease agreement for said vehicle in the event of lease default ~~lease~~

~~payment defaults by the prospective leased vehicle transferee~~ new lessee after transfer of said vehicle and assignment of said lease agreement to said ~~transferee~~ new lessee;

means for submitting said insurance application information to one or more insurers for application processing and approval; and

means for arranging for vehicle and lease transfer and insurance document delivery, payment and vehicle delivery.

2. (currently amended.) The computerized system of Claim 1, wherein said means for receiving used vehicle and existing lease agreement information comprises a series of customized leased vehicle data entry screens made accessible to ~~prospective leased vehicle transferors~~ current lessees via a global computer network, whereby ~~prospective leased vehicle transferors~~ current lessees can create customized listings for their vehicles.

3. (currently amended.) The computerized system of Claim 1, wherein said means for notifying electronically ~~leased vehicle transferors~~ current lessees whose used vehicles are selected by prospective ~~leased vehicle transferees~~ current lessees of said selection further comprises messaging means for ~~prospective leased vehicle transferors~~ current lessees and prospective ~~leased vehicle transferees~~ new lessees to negotiate and complete a leased vehicle transfer transaction.

4. (currently amended.) The computerized system of Claim 3, wherein said messaging means comprises Internet e-mail communications protocols.

5. (currently amended.) The computerized system of Claim 3, wherein said messaging means comprises instant peer-to-peer communications protocols.

6. (currently amended.) The computerized system of Claim 1, further comprising means for prospective ~~leased vehicle transferees~~ new lessees to submit their vehicle preferences for matching with leased vehicle data stored in said system's searchable database.

7. (currently amended.) The computerized system of Claim 1, further comprising means for prospective leased ~~vehicle transferees~~ new lessees to submit their lease term preferences for matching with leased term data stored in said system's searchable database.

8. (currently amended.) The computerized system of Claim 6, further comprising means for notifying prospective leased ~~vehicle transferees~~ new lessees of leased vehicle data stored on said system's searchable database that matches said prospective leased ~~vehicle transferees'~~ new lessee's leased preferences.

9. (currently amended.) The computerized system of Claim 7, further comprising means for notifying prospective leased ~~vehicle transferees~~ new lessees of leased term data stored on said system's searchable database that matches said prospective leased ~~vehicle transferees'~~ new lessees' lease term preferences.

10. (currently amended.) The computerized system of Claim 1, further comprising means for receiving lease assumption~~financing~~ application information submitted electronically by or on behalf of prospective leased ~~vehicle transferees~~ new lessees with respect to vehicles selected by said prospective leased ~~vehicle transferees~~ new lessees for ~~financing to pay for~~ transfer of said leased vehicle.

11. (currently amended.) The computerized system of Claim 1, further comprising means for arranging for lease assumption~~financing~~ document and ~~funding~~ delivery.

12. (currently amended.) The computerized system of Claim 1, further comprising means for leased new vehicle dealers to submit vehicle and lease information electronically that is not accessible by other prospective leased ~~vehicle transferors~~ current lessees.

13. (currently amended.) The computerized system of Claim 12, further comprising means for current lessees~~dealers~~ to initiate communications with prospective leased ~~vehicle transferees~~ new lessees that have accessed current lessee's~~dealers~~ vehicle and lease information stored on

said system's searchable database prior to notification of vehicle selection by a prospective ~~leased vehicle transferee~~ new lessee.

14. (currently amended.) The computerized system of Claim 1, further comprising means for prospective ~~leased vehicle transferees~~ new lessees to purchase vehicle feature upgrades.

15. (currently amended.) The computerized system of Claim 1, further comprising means for prospective ~~leased vehicle transferees~~ new lessees to purchase leased vehicle warranties/maintenance plans.

16. (currently amended.) The computerized system of Claim 1, further comprising means for receiving and processing ~~prospective leased vehicle transferee~~ prospective new lessee credit verification information.

17. (currently amended.) A computerized method for transferring a leased vehicle and assign the lease agreement for same from a current lessee ~~prospective leased vehicle transferor~~ to a prospective new lessee ~~leased vehicle transferee~~ comprising:

receiving vehicle and lease information submitted electronically by or on behalf of ~~prospective leased vehicle transferors~~ current lessees and storing said information in a searchable database;

providing said vehicle and lease information electronically to a prospective leased vehicle transferee ~~new lessee~~ in response to electronic queries to said searchable database submitted by or on behalf of said prospective leased vehicle transferee ~~new lessee~~;

receiving vehicle selection information submitted electronically by or on behalf of ~~prospective leased vehicle transferors~~ current lessee;

notifying electronically ~~prospective leased vehicle transferors~~ current lessee whose vehicles are selected by ~~prospective leased vehicle transferees~~ prospective new lessee of said selection so that the parties can negotiate and complete a leased used vehicle/lease agreement transfer transaction;

receiving and processing insurance application information submitted electronically by or on behalf of either ~~prospective leased vehicle transferors~~ current lessee or ~~prospective leased vehicle transferees~~ new lessee with respect to vehicles selected by said ~~prospective leased vehicle transferees~~ prospective new lessee for insurance covering the ~~prospective leased vehicle transferor's~~ current lessee's liability under the ~~prospective leased vehicle transferor's~~ current lessee's lease agreement for said vehicle in the event of lease payment defaults by the ~~prospective leased vehicle transferee~~ new lessee after transfer of said vehicle and assignment of said lease to said ~~transferee~~ prospective new lessee;

submitting said insurance application information to one or more insurers for application processing and approval; and

arranging for used vehicle transfer and existing lease agreement transfer assignment and insurance document delivery, payment and vehicle delivery.